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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade  
FROM: Committee on Energy and Commerce Majority Staff  
RE: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade Markup on July 15, 2025

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade will hold a markup on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. (ET) in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. The markup will consider the following legislation:

- **H.R. 4312, Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements (SCORE) Act (Reps. Bilirakis, Bynum, Guthrie, Walberg, Jordan, Figures, McClain, Fitzgerald, and Fry)**

**II. LEGISLATION**

**H.R. 4312, Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements (SCORE) Act (Reps. Bilirakis, Bynum, Guthrie, Walberg, Jordan, Figures, McClain, Fitzgerald, and Fry)**

H.R. 4312 establishes a federal framework governing Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) rights for college student-athletes. It defines key terms used throughout the legislation, including associated entity or individual, college sports revenue, Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Associations (IIAA), pool limit, and prohibited compensation. It affirms the rights of student-athletes to enter into NIL agreements, prohibiting colleges, conferences, and IIAAs from restricting those rights or penalizing athletes for engaging in NIL deals.

H.R. 4312 modifies the Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act (SPARTA) to reflect the new NIL environment. It requires agents involved in NIL deals to disclose if they are

registered with an IIAA and removes outdated provisions in SPARTA about eligibility risk when hiring agents.

The legislation also codifies the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) core guarantees, which include continued access to medical coverage, academic support services, and scholarship protections. It authorizes IIAs to establish and enforce rules related to collecting and sharing NIL data, prohibited compensation, recruitment of student athletes, the revenue sharing pool limit, transferring between schools, student-athlete eligibility, and competition and championship management.

Further, the legislation includes limits on liability conditioned on compliance with the Act. H.R. 4312 affirms student-athletes are student-athletes, and clarifies employment-related obligations for academic institutions under state and federal labor laws. The legislation requires public reporting of the use of student fees to fund athletic programs and prohibits top-revenue programs from using student fees to cover intercollegiate athletics costs. Finally, it preempts any state or local laws related to NIL.

### **III. STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have any questions regarding this subcommittee markup, please contact Giulia Leganski, Natalie Hellmann, or Alex Khlopin of the Committee Staff at (202) 225-3641.